

FREEDOM STUDIES CENTER

FIRST SEMINAR COMPLETED

Facilities at the center are now capable of handling seminars of from a few days to several weeks for up to 25 people, Fisher said. He announced that the first seminar was successfully completed Saturday. Faculty members included Allen Dulles, former CIA director, and Vice Adm. Fitzhugh Lee, commandant of the National War College. In addition to facilities for feeding and housing the seminar participants, the former residence on the property includes a conference room equipped with advanced audio-visual and other training devices.

As quickly as funds become available, work will go forward on a multi-million-dollar complex of dormitory, classroom, library and administrative buildings. All funds will be from private sources.

They listened to the advice and comments of an impressive array of cold-war experts which included Edgar Ansel Mowrer, Pulitzer Prize winning foreign correspondent; Dr. William Yandell Elliott, Williams professor history and politics at Harvard University; Dr. Eleanor Dulles, professor of government at Georgetown University; Vice Adm. Fitzhugh Lee, commandant of the National War College; Dr. Victor A. Fedlay, senior research analyst of the Library of Congress; former Congressman Walter Judd; Arthur Meyerhoff, author of the definitive book on the use of public relations techniques in the cold war; Allen Dulles, former head of the CIA; Joseph Gwyer, Library of Congress Soviet specialist; Dr. Frederick C. Barghoorn, Yale professor of political science; and a team from the National Maritime Union. Military experts—Col. Raymond Sleeper, commander of the Foreign Technology Division of the U.S. Air Force, and Brig. Gen. Edwin Black, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense—gave an account of the conflict in Vietnam and progress in Soviet military technology.

The congressional aides who came here for the shakedown seminar heard a dozen cold war experts—Edgar Ansel Mowrer, Dr. Eleanor Dulles, Walter Judd, Allen Dulles. They heard Dr. Frederick Barghoorn, of Yale, on "Soviet Propaganda with Special Reference to Peace and Disarmament Themes." Two spokesmen from the AFL-CIO's National Maritime Union gave their insight on the cold war at sea. By the time the seminar ended, their heads were bursting with new understanding of the pivotal struggle of this century.

Not one nickel of "CIA money" or any other government money, has gone into the Freedom Studies Center. It is intended to be the voluntary contribution of a voluntary society toward its own survival. The scholars and officials who are invited to come here will come at their own expense, or on Foundation grants. And because the Center is not an agency of government, it will be free to pursue the study of freedom and communism untroubled by the inhibitions of diplomacy. It is a great concept in terms of the total struggle between West and East, as solid as the distant mountains, as clear and gold as the stream.

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